

7. (Amended) The vector of claim 5, wherein the polypeptide is a fusion polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of EBNA-1 and a heterologous amino acid sequence.

8. (Amended) The vector of claim 5 which is a viral vector.

Please add new claims 20-34 as follows:

20. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an EBNA-1 charged dendritic cell and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

21. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 20 further comprising a cytokine.

22. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an EBNA-1 charged dendritic cell and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the EBNA-1 charged dendritic cell is prepared according to the method of introducing an EBNA-1 antigen into the dendritic cell, which EBNA-1 antigen is processed and presented on the surface of the dendritic cell, whereby the dendritic cell activates T cells.

23. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 22 wherein introducing EBNA-1 antigen into the dendritic cell comprises contacting the dendritic cell with a viral vector encoding the EBNA-1 antigen.

24. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 22 wherein introducing EBNA-1 antigen into the dendritic cell comprises contacting the dendritic cells with exogenous EBNA-1 polypeptide.

25. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 22 wherein the dendritic cell undergoes maturation prior to introducing the EBNA-1 antigen.

26. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 22 wherein the dendritic cell undergoes maturation following introducing the EBNA-1 antigen.

27. (New) A method for protecting a subject from infection by Epstein Barr Virus, which method comprises administering an EBNA-1 charged dendritic cell to a subject in need of such protection.

28. (New) A method for protecting a subject from Epstein Barr Virus-associated malignancies, which method comprises administering an EBNA-1 charged dendritic cell to a subject in need of such protection.

29. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the malignancy is nasopharyngeal cancer.

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30. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the malignancy is selected from the group consisting of Burkitt's lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma, T cell lymphoma, gastric cancer and uterine leiomyosarcoma.

31. (New) A method for protecting a subject against Epstein Barr Virus-associated diseases, which method comprises administering an EBNA-1 charged dendritic cell to a subject in need of such protection.

32. (New) The method of claim 31 wherein the Epstein Barr-associated disease is selected from the group consisting of infectious mononucleosis, lymphoproliferative diseases, and chronic fatigue syndrome.

33. (New) A method for protecting a subject against Epstein Barr-associated malignancies, which method comprises:

contacting a dendritic cell with EBNA-1 *ex vivo* and

administering the EBNA-1 contacted dendritic cell to a subject in need of such protection.

34. (New) A method for protecting a subject against Epstein Barr-associated diseases comprising:

contacting a dendritic cell with EBNA-1 *ex vivo* and

administering the EBNA-1 contacted dendritic cell to a subject in need of such protection.

REMARKS

No new subject matter has been incorporated into the application as a result of this amendment. This submission is accompanied by a mark-up copy of the amended claims.

Claims 6-8 have been amended to correct clerical errors.

The newly added claims find support in the claims and specification as originally filed. For example, page 33, lines 16-30 support introduction of antigen into dendritic cells, presentation of the antigen by dendritic cells, and stimulation of T cells by antigen presented by dendritic cells, and page 11, lines 2-4 describe immunotherapy using EBNA-1 charged dendritic cells.

Further examples of support for the new claims are as follows. Support for new claim 20 can be found at page 31, lines 28-30, page 32, lines 1-9. Support for new claim 21 can be found at page 31, lines 13-27; support for new claim 22 can be found at page 39, lines 22-30 and page 40, lines 1-17. Support for new claims 23 and 24 can be found at page 42, lines 16-17. Support for new claim 25 can be found at page 32, lines 28-29. Support for new claim 26 can be